

KKCC NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Events

National Read Across America Day	March 2 nd
St. Patrick's Day	March 17 th
April Fool's Day	April 1 st
Parent Teacher Conferences (Center Closed)	April 3 rd
Good Friday – Easter Monday Center Closed Both Days	April 10 th & 13 th
National Wildlife Visitor Center (Fieldtrip)	April 22 nd & April 24 th
Graduation Pictures	April 27 th - 30 th
Individual Graduation Pictures (Make-Up Day)	May 4 th

Tuition Express Due Dates

March 9th April 6th
March 23rd April 20th



School Closing Reminder

In regard to inclement weather, or other emergency circumstances, all parents and staff should call the Center for information in our voicemail about openings, closings, delayed openings and early dismissals.

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Aria	Dolphins	March 3 rd
Akeem	Pandas	March 6 th
Zamir	Beavers	March 23 rd
Stella	Beavers	March 24 th
Zaiden	Pandas	March 26 th
Deborah	Panthers	March 26 th
Caiden	Pandas	March 28 th

Ms. Patel March 16th
Ms. Hill March 31st



Reminders

- **Please remember to check your child into school each morning and out from school in the evenings.**
- School begins at 9:00am each day. Any child in after 9:00 am will be marked as tardy.
- Breakfast is from 8-8:30 am daily. Children wanting breakfast must be at school no later than 8:00am.
- Each child should have a lunch box with an ice pack to keep food fresh.
- Supplies are needed on your child's first day.
- Be sure that your child always has 2 complete changes of clothes in his or her classroom.
- Canned, frozen or meals that need to be prepared are not allowed. Please be sure that all your child's meals are in microwavable containers. Meals should take no longer than two and one-half minutes to warm.
- **Remember to lock your car doors each time you drop off and pick your child up.**
- **Be reminded that it is unsafe and unlawful to leave children in the car unattended.**



Dress Code Reminder



Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Uniform colors are navy blue bottoms and light blue tops. **School Logo is not required.**

Girls

Our young ladies will wear standard navy-blue pants, shorts, jumpers, skirts, skorts, or dresses. *Tights, shorts, or leggings MUST be worn under jumpers, skirts and dresses.* Tops are to be light blue blouses, polo shirts, or turtleneck shirts. **Tank tops and T-shirts are NOT appropriate uniform.**

Boys

Our young men will wear standard navy-blue pants or shorts with light blue polos, oxfords, or turtleneck shirts. **T-shirts are NOT appropriate uniform.**

Shoes

Tennis shoes and/or rubber-soled shoes are recommended. Velcro shoes are preferred. Socks must be worn. **Opened toe shoes, sandals, crocs, and slippers are NOT allowed.**

*See the Parent Handbook for a full disclosure of our uniform policy.



THE PANTHERS

Ms. Roberts & Ms. Dinah

Hurray!!! We are already in the first quarter of 2020. God is good to us and blesses us daily. The children will be graduating in a few more months. Oh my, how time flies!

Thus far, the Panthers have learned so much. Parents we thank you and continue to encourage you to work with your children by reinforcing what they are learning in class each day. We can only be successful if we work together. Most of the children have mastered their blends and are able to form three-letter words. A few, however, are still working on these. We are gradually making headway with identification and writing our numbers 1-30 correctly. We are also exhibiting our creative skills in arts and science. Bravo!!! Please continue working with your child.

Our themes for this month are Native Americans, Transportation, Spring, and Plants and Trees. Our study of Native Americans will enlighten us on who the indigenous Americans are and the variety of tribes to which they belong. Sea, Air, and Land are the three modes of transportation on which we will focus during this theme. As winter is fast disappearing, it is only appropriate that we study Spring to discover what flowers will bloom and how the weather will change. We're very excited to be teaching about spring as we get closer to finally enjoying the weather. Finally, we will introduce the children to a variety of Plants and Trees. Panthers will learn the many ways that Plants and Trees are used in our everyday lives.

Lastly, we want to take this time to thank you for all you do to help us out in class. Parents thanks for coming out to read a book to the children during our Dr. Seuss Week. The children felt proud to see their mom or dad come to the class and be part of their day. Last month the Panthers also presented chapel, and they did wonderfully. We also had a nice time celebrating Valentine's day with our peers. Thanks again for all your support.

REMINDERS

- Check your child's clothes box to make sure they have two complete sets of weather appropriate uniforms. Replace when needed.
- Please dress your child in clothing that is appropriate for the weather; i.e., hats, coats and mittens for colder temperatures and soon a light jacket for our warmer days.
- Please sign the Daily Communicator sheet every day. DO NOT take the daily Communicator sheet home until Friday.
- Keep sick children at home to enable them to fully recover and to prevent the spread of illness to their peers and their teachers.



THE CHEETAHS

Ms. Heath & Ms. Martha

Can you believe we are already in March, the third month of the New Year, and Spring has begun! Last month was such an exciting month with so much learned. The Cheetahs celebrated "Black History Month" in so many ways. In the classroom, they learned a great amount about fabulous African Americans who were either inventors or who offered their talents in some way to benefit us all!

The Cheetahs' learning was through academic activities but also by completing a Black History Report. The students presented their reports to their classmates both verbally and physically. They did a great job! This activity was an excellent way for the students to further enhance their writing abilities and a chance to partake in public speaking. The projects were then posted on the board in the hallway for all to see and enjoy! We would like to thank all parents who helped and supported their children in this fantastic activity. We hope that it was enjoyable and enlightening for all!!

The Cheetahs also enjoyed celebrating Valentines' Day by dressing in Red, Pink or Purple. They indulged in pizza and other treats and filled their hand designed paper bags with lots of goodies! We send out a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all of our parents who donated bag fillers. There were some AWESOME goodies for the kids! Some of you parents went the extra mile, and it was so appreciated. We teachers also thank you for thinking of us with your thoughtful gifts. On February 19th the Cheetahs performed in their 5th Chapel. They were awesome! Cheetahs will again lead Chapel on April 22nd.

Academically, the Cheetahs advanced in their knowledge of number recognition (70's and 80's). They have begun understanding addition and subtraction. They are learning how to read letter combinations and blends and to read and write 3 letter words. They are practicing writing cursive letters. They have added to their lists of songs learned and many other extracurricular ventures. This month will prove to be just as exciting! They will begin working on their 90's number family followed by the excitement of learning how to recognize their numbers starting with 100!!! They will continually review numbers already worked on in order to perfect their knowledge and continue working on their Manuscript and Cursive writing skills. They will proceed with their reading by starting their "Little Readers."

Lastly, there will be a lot of fun celebrating and recognizing important dates; i.e., Woman's History Month, The First Day of Spring (3-19-20) and "Purple Day (3-26-20)"!! The Themes for this month are: Native Americans, Transportation, Spring, and Plants and Trees.

*** *"When a king's face brightens, it means life; his favor is like a rain cloud in spring."* Proverbs 16:15

REMINDERS

- Keep sick children at home. Sick children can spread illness to their peers and their teachers.
- Check your child's folder daily and empty them out on Friday.
- Sign and check your child's Daily Communicator.
- Please make sure your child has a box with a full set of clothes (including underwear and socks).
- DO NOT send popcorn, candy, peanuts or nut products.





THE PANDAS

Ms. Ndamo & Mr. Cristian

The winter cold kept us indoors most of February, but we were still able to have fun-filled learning activities. On fair days, we were able to go outside to run around the playground and take deep breaths of the crisp air. It was invigorating! We could see the student's excitement in their expressions and actions. The children are anxiously waiting for warmer days as we get closer to Spring. They can't wait to be able to spend more time outdoors.

During February, students presented their Black history projects which highlighted famous African Americans who made great contributions that benefitted America and the world in science, politics, sports, entertainment and other fields. The student presentations were excellent. Next we reflected on the importance of love and how we should show love to all as well as how God loves us and shows us love. We also studied the Presidents of the United States of America and ended the month with Dr. Seuss Week. Parents thanks for coming out to read to our class. We appreciate your effort and making time in your busy schedule to come out to our class.

This month we will witness the blossoming flowers and have more fun outside. March themes will include Native Americans, Transportation, Spring, and Plants and Trees. We are very excited to teach about and experience Spring. As Spring is seen as a new beginning for plants, we see it as a new beginning and growth in the Pandas' behavior. As the months go by, we have seen great growth in the students including their physical, social, emotional and cognitive aspects of their development. They are more friendly, more respectful, more confident and still very curious. This growth in skills has made the class very lively, and we enjoy it!

Our many thanks to parents for the great support you give your children. Your continued support helps your child thrive. We also thank you for coming out to enjoy chapel last month with us as well. May the great God continue to lead us all.

REMINDERS

- Breakfast is served between 8-8:30am. Breakfast brought from home must also be finished by 8:30 am.
- Check your child's folder daily. Review and sign the daily communicator. Remove classwork that has been checked and placed in the folder.
- Each child should have two changes of clothes including socks and underwear kept at school. Please check to see if the clothes that you provided at the beginning of the school year still fit.
- Please adhere to the school uniform policy. Remember jeans are not permitted and all uniform components should be in good shape.



THE CATERPILLARS

Ms. Sarah & Ms. George

Greetings Parents! Welcome to the new month. May the peace and blessing of God be with us as we move forward through March.

In February, the Caterpillars learned about several African Americans who fought for the rights of every citizen as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America. For example, Caterpillars learned that Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat on a bus contributed to the end of unfair treatment when riding public transportation. They learned about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dreams of freedom and equality for all. Because of them and others like them, Jackie Robinson played baseball, Mae Jamison travelled into space, and Barack Obama was elected President of the United States of America. These and many more unmentioned African Americans taught us that if you want to achieve, you must believe.

In terms of social growth and academic achievement, the children are doing well. Academically, we strive every day to improve our number recognition and writing skills. Caterpillars are practicing letter sounds and writing the letters as we lay the foundation of learning to read. We are diligently studying our Bible verses. Socially, the Caterpillars are continuously reminded of the importance of expressing their emotions by verbally communicating with each other. They are doing well with listening to each other's needs and being respectful to them. The Caterpillars have no challenges in working in group activities. We are really proud of how far they have come. We will continue to build on this foundation as we learn new things this month. In March, we will focus on the themes Native Americans, Transportation, Spring, and Plants and Trees.

February was a very successful month for children in the Caterpillars class. We can't remember February without mentioning Valentines' Day. Thank you for your contributions that made our Valentines' Day party a success. We could not have done it without you.

REMINDERS

- Please make sure that your child has two complete sets of clothing (uniforms) appropriate for the weather.
- Sign your child's Daily Communicator each day. Please empty the folder on Fridays.
- Always check the classroom door for announcements and important information.
- Show-N-Tell is every Friday. Please allow your child to bring in an age-appropriate item so they can participate. Do not send items that promote violence.



Holy Yoga!!!!

Ms. Mocha of Mocha Lee Fitness



"Holy Yoga/Pilates" classes are held each Tuesday for our students in the Pandas, Panthers, and Cheetah classes. Yoga classes are offered at no additional cost to parents.



THE BUSY BEEZ

Ms. B & Ms. Mary

Greetings, dear Parents! We thank God for another month! The Busy Beez had so much fun learning new things in the month of February. The Busy Beez learned some facts about "Black History." They especially enjoyed learning about the history of some famous and talented African Americans like the first African American President, Barack Obama. They also enjoyed listening to stories written by Dr. Seuss with "Green Eggs and Ham" being one of their favorites, among many others.

We are extremely grateful to you for working with the Busy Beez Class on their Black History projects. They did a wonderful job with their presentations. We also want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you as well to the parents who took time to read to the Busy Beez during the "National Read Across Week." The Busy Beez really enjoyed their time with you. Last, but not the least, we extend a big thank you to all for making our Valentines' Day Party a huge success. The Busy Beez really enjoyed their party.

Like every month, we have new things to introduce to the Busy Beez. Our themes for the month of March are Native Americans, Transportation, Spring, and Plants and Trees. We will be working on the numbers 11 and 12 and the letters Oo, Pp, and Qq. Our Bible stories include Jesus Walks on Water, Blind Bartimaeus, Ten Lepers, and The Good Samaritan. Our Memory Verses are: Q, R, S, and T.

Please mark your calendars for the following: Busy Beez will lead chapel on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. All are cordially invited, and we hope to see you there. Our next Parent Teacher Conference Day is scheduled for Friday, April 3, 2020. We look forward to another awesome month by the grace of God, amen. Thank you & God bless!

REMINDERS

- Please always keep two complete sets of weather-appropriate changes of clothing in your child's bin. They must be uniforms.
- Please remember to label **ALL** your child's belongings.
- Show-N-Tell is every Friday, please allow your child to participate by sending a toy for him/her to show and tell us about.
- Please put an icepack in your child's lunch box, It's the Law!
- Do not send NUTS/NUTS PRODUCTS with your child's lunch or snack please.
- Due to the danger of breakage, refrain from using glass or Pyrex containers for your child's lunch.

Native American Culture

Theme for March 2-6, 2020



The first people to live in a land are called indigenous peoples. This means they were the original settlers. The Native Americans are the indigenous peoples and cultures of the United States.



THE BEAVERS

Ms. Chase & Ms. Green

Hello, Parents!!! Spring is in the air. Yea!!! It's time for us to enjoy great weather and the blossoming, colorful scenery. So, let us free our minds and souls from the everyday hustle and bustle. Take a moment to indulge in God's mighty awesomeness. Oh give thanks unto the lord, for He is Good! For his mercy endureth forever.

– Psalms 118:1

On the 2nd of March, we will observe National Read Across America Day. Thanks to all parents who participated in our classroom reading sessions during National Read across America week on February 24th through 28th. Beavers loved hearing so many stories written by Dr. Seuss. We also celebrated Valentine's day in February and had a great time showing how much we care about each other.

Updates! Updates! Updates!!! Beavers will again lead chapel service on Wednesday, March 11th at 9:00 am. We invite parents, grandparents, and friends to join us. We promise that you will be inspired and heartened by the Beaver's performances and knowledge of the Bible. We look forward to seeing you here with us.

Now for our Academics! During March, our studies will be based first on the theme Native Americans. We will create our own replica Native American headdresses and other arts and crafts. The Beavers will study Native American culture, learn the names of some of the tribes, and explore some artifacts and traditions. The second theme studied will be Transportation. In studying Transportation, we will learn more about three methods of getting from place to place, by land, by sea, and by air. Following Transportation, we will launch into a study of Spring. What changes will we see in the weather? When will we see the flowers bloom? How much rain will fall? Our Spring theme leads into our last theme, which is Plants and Trees. What trees grow in this area? What is the State Flower of Maryland? WOW! So many questions!!!

Our studies are formatted not only for academic advancement, but also to promote social and emotional development in our Beavers. They will solidify their interpersonal skills by learning when and how to ask for help in studying new topics. They will gain a sense of unity by helping others and a sense of accomplishment from their successes. None of this would be possible without your support. Thank you, parents, for continued support.

REMINDERS

- Keep sick children at home to prevent the spread of illness.
- Remember every Friday is Show-n-Tell. Please allow your child to participate by allowing him or her to bring one toy or book to share. Do not send items that promote violence. All dolls must be fully dressed.
- Make sure your child always keeps at least two complete sets of weather appropriate clothing at school.
- Check your child's Daily Communicator each day and empty the folder every Friday.
- Please put an icepack in your child's lunch box. Peanuts and other nut products are not allowed for lunch or snacks.





THE LITTLE LAMBS

Ms. Hill, Ms. Santhi, & Ms. Nana

Hello Spring! With the coming of spring, we will soon see beautiful changes in God's world. Tree leaves will bud in shades of green. Birds will sing a new song. We look forward to walking in the sunshine, seeing the blossoming flowers, breathing the fresh air, and most importantly going outside to play. Spring brings new life.

The Little Lambs are excited and are showing great progress. Many are doing well with cognitive skills and are able to solve simple problems as well as show independence. The Little Lambs have advanced so much in language skills. They are now having conversations with their friends and teachers. With social skills we still see some challenges, but we will continue to work on sharing, being caring to one another, taking turns, and working together to solve problems.

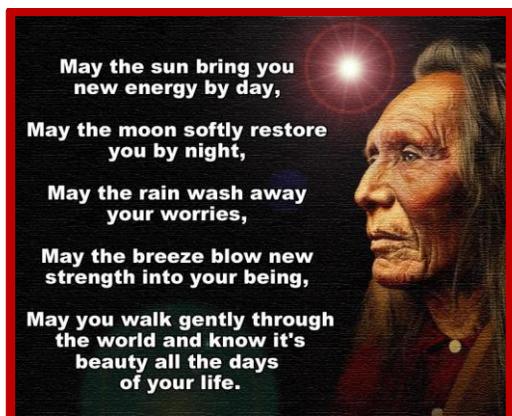
Last month, our Little Lambs did a great job in working hard on remembering and learning about Black History Heroes during Black History Month. They enjoyed the roles they played while learning about the contributions of several influential African Americans. We sincerely appreciate your support as we promote growth and development by encouraging sharing, participation, and personal responsibility.

This month while we study about the Native American Culture we hope to learn more about their food, homes, and communities. The second theme in March will be Transportation. We will learn about the modes people use to travel by land, sea, and air. The third week's theme is Spring. Signs of Spring lead us to the fourth week's theme, Plants and Trees. Numbers, shapes, colors, counting, devotion, and the alphabet are always part of our daily learning.

Welcome, Ms. Gifty!!!! We are so happy to have you with the Little Lambs.

REMINDERS

- To help with potty-training, please remember not to send your child wearing a onesie or a belt.
- Remember to check your child's bin to make sure that your child has sufficient pull ups and wipes.
- Keep sick children at home to prevent the spread of illness.
- Make sure that there are two complete sets of weather appropriate clothing in your child's cubby including socks, sweaters, and undergarments.
- Friday is Show-n-Tell day. Please allow your child to participate by allowing him/her to bring in a toy or book. Do not send items that promote violence.
- Please read and sign your child's Daily Communicator each day.
- Please take a moment to read the info on the classroom door. It will have important information for the class.



THE DOLPHINS

Ms. Patel & Ms. Emma

Hello Parents! February was filled to the brim with new learning opportunities and fun activities. Our Dolphins enjoyed their introduction to African Americans and their contributions to all of society. We studied our presidents and found that they have a very important job. Our Valentines' Day party was absolutely awesome! Thank you, parents, for making it happen.

And now, we are in another month. Can you believe it???? Spring is here!!! During this month, Dolphins will learn about Native Americans. There is so much to learn on this theme. What were their homes like? What were their communities called? Our second theme is on something that we use every day -Transportation. Dolphins know about riding in cars. How many other forms of transportation can they name?

Spring is in the air! We all feel it. As we study our third theme, which is Spring, Dolphins will look for some of the signs of Spring. Are flowers blooming? Are leaves growing back on the trees? Plants and Trees is the last theme for the month on March. We will learn how plants and trees feed us, help comfort us, and provide beauty around us.

Parents thank you so much for everything you do with your child at home to help them be better individuals. Please continue to work with them on language skills. To help I suggest you ask them questions about their day, read books at night, and even share your day with them. They might not be able to hold a conversation with you, but you are teaching them new vocabulary as they hear you speak. To add vocabulary, practice repeating words and naming items at home or at the store. When speaking, if children mispronounce words correct them so they learn the correct pronunciation at the beginning. All this will be helpful as they continue to grow their vocabulary.

REMINDERS

- Check and sign the Daily Communicator each day. We often write notes on the back regarding your child's day.
- Always check your child's cubby to see if he or she needs extra clothes or other supplies.
- Put an ice pack in your child's lunch bag every day.
- Empty your child's folder every Friday.
- Do not put your child's food in glass or Pyrex containers. Please use a plastic, microwavable container.
- Remember that there is no seafood, no peanuts or nut products allowed for lunch or snacks.



The mission of Kiddies Kollege Christian Center is to provide a warm, stimulating, safe, affordable, high quality pre-school program that develops the social, emotional, and academic needs of children of the greater Laurel community.



THE KOALAS

Ms. Linda & Ms. Kimberly

“I have a dream that all men should be created equal”
...Dr Martin Luther King, Jr.

February was a powerful month! The Koalas enjoyed walking the hallways to see posters of very important African American men and women who made a positive difference in all our lives. Thank you, parents, for making posters of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and others. It is important for our children to feel proud of who they are. Our Valentine’s Day party was a great success. The children enjoyed the pizza, juice and goodies donated by our parents. Thank you! Everything was delicious! A very special “Thank You” to Ms. Emma for making beautiful African garments for the Koalas to wear when we led our first chapel of 2020. She also taught them African songs. Ms. Emma, you are a true blessing! We appreciate everyone’s support on that day. We will lead chapel service again on April 8th.

And then there was Dr. Seuss Week! We read several Dr. Seuss stories and even made our own Cat in the Hat hats. We especially enjoyed parading throughout the building sharing our Cat in the Hat characters. We had so much fun!

The month of March is about new beginnings. Our first theme is Native Americans. Koalas will learn how Native American children dressed and how they played. We will also hear some of their songs. We will be making Indian headbands and reading books on the lives of Native American children. Our second theme for March is Transportation. I will be asking Koala parents to use a cardboard box to make some form of transportation for the children. Our third theme is Spring. It will be nice to take the Koalas outside with magnifying glasses to take a close look at bugs and flowers. Our last theme for the month is Plants and Trees. We will grow plants from seeds. We will learn the names of trees and the different parts of a tree. It is going to be an awesome month!

REMINDERS

- Please always keep two complete sets of weather-appropriate changes of clothing in your child’s bin.
- To help us with potty training, do not send your child wearing a onesie or a belt.
- Sippy cups or binkies are not allowed.
- Please send your child’s lunch in a microwavable container. Food should not be frozen, or canned. Food needs to be prepared and ready to heat and eat.
- Sign the Daily Communicator each day. Empty your child’s folder each week.
- Check to make sure that your child always has pull-ups and wipes.



Get Your Magic Magnet! Earn \$40 Tuition Deduction



Win \$40 towards your child’s tuition! When this Kiddies Kollege magnet is spotted on a vehicle in the KKCC lot, that grandparent, parent, or other family member becomes eligible for a \$40 payment towards the child’s tuition. To be eligible, the magnet must be displayed on the back of the vehicle. Stop by the front desk to get your magnet today! One winner is selected randomly each month.



The Arrow and the Song

by Henry W. Longfellow

I shot an arrow into the air;
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight
Could not follow it in its flight.

I breathed a Song into the air;
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For who has sight so keen and strong
That it can follow the flight of Song?

Long, long afterwards, in an oak
I found the arrow, still unbroke;
And the song, from beginning to end,
I found again in the heart of a friend.



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Panthers, Pandas, and Cheetahs Classes

More details to come!



** Class news and class reminders were contributed by classroom teachers. For questions, comments, or corrections, see Ms. Hale.